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28 September 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : JRC Reconnaissance Schedule for October 1970

1. This memorandum provides background information for use in 40 Committee consideration of the October JRC Schedule. Recommendations in paragraph 9 below, cover the basic JRC airborne and seaborne programs, the Special Overflight Supplement and the NRP Forecast.

2. A slight increase over the previous month is noted in the number of flights scheduled - 543 vice 521 in September. Several new or recurring programs are also scheduled for the month. These are described below. A review of all of the programs scheduled for operation during the President's trip abroad (as currently planned) reveals only one which is particularly sensitive in the areas where he will be visiting. This one is described in paragraph 5 below.

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6. The JRC has increased the number of U-2 missions overflying Cuba from the normal two to fifteen for the month. Missions are planned every two or three days. Near-daily U-2 coverage of Cuba was initially requested by CINCLANT on 11 September but this request was cancelled on 19 September. CIA reintroduced the requirement on 22 September and since then the program has been operating on this schedule.

7. The Special Overflight Supplement (Tab E) and the NRP Forecast (Tab F) both contain the proposals for a TAGBOARD mission over South China and an SR-71 mission over North Korea. We do not believe that the latter can be justified at this time since a very successful SR-71 mission was flown as recently as [REDACTED]. In the case of TAGBOARD, we have recommended against it in the past. The deficiencies in photographic coverage of the South China area have accumulated to the point, however, where we now believe that a TAGBOARD mission should be supported.

8. The NRP Forecast, in addition to listing the TAGBOARD and SR-71 missions above, lists the normal [REDACTED] U-2 overflight and peripheral missions. Because the preparation of the Forecast pre-dated the increase in OLD HEAD missions, only 4 such missions are requested rather than the 15 cited in the basic JRC book. [REDACTED]

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9. We recommend that:

- a. You approve the basic JRC Monthly Reconnaissance Schedule [REDACTED]

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- b. You disapprove the SR-71 mission in the Special Overflight Supplement; and
- c. Of the NRP Forecast, you approve [redacted] peripheral missions, the 15 OLD HEAD missions, the TAGBOARD mission and the satellite launch.

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[redacted]
EDWARD W. PROCTOR

Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments:

JRC Reconnaissance Schedule for October 1970 with Supplements

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CONCUR:

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